



## Exhibit B

# Texas Education Agency

## 2004 Technology Plan Approval Certificate

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BROWNSVILLE ISD has a technology plan that has met the SLD criteria and No Child Left Behind (NCLB) requirements. This plan was approved on 04/27/2004 for a period of 3 year(s) with an expiration date of June 30, 2007.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Jackson".

Sharon Jackson  
Deputy Associate Commissioner  
Standards and Alignment

## Exhibit C

(1st email stream)

**From:** David L. Mitchell  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 28, 2004 1:34 PM  
**To:** Maria Elena Ovalle  
**Subject:** RE: Tech Plan

I need to get started on it anyway. Is there a timeline for updating the e-plan?

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David

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**From:** Maria Elena Ovalle [mailto:movalle@esconett.org]  
**Sent:** Thu 10/28/2004 9:36 AM  
**To:** David L. Mitchell  
**Subject:** RE: Tech Plan

Either way, it won't be hard to correct. Districts have to revise plans every year, therefore, if you copy the plan, revise, and resubmit, that should cover the district for Year 8.

Maria Elena Ovalle  
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-----Original Message-----

**From:** David L. Mitchell [mailto:david@bisd.us]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 28, 2004 8:28 AM  
**To:** Maria Elena Ovalle  
**Subject:** RE: Tech Plan

Maria Elena,

I checked the Region 12 site after I e-mailed you and saw the error. I've emailed Region 12 and asked them about the mistake. As of April this had reflected a three year approval.

Thanks for the assistance,

David

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From: Maria Elena Ovalle [<mailto:movalle@esconett.org>]  
Sent: Thu 10/28/2004 8:31 AM  
To: David L. Mitchell  
Subject: RE: Tech Plan

I checked the web site and the certificate if for one year. If you would like to check the certificate, go to  
<https://www.sedl.org/cgi-bin/mysql/eplan/admin.cgi>.

The login for Brownsville is 031901  
Password is 19P90.

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-----Original Message-----

From: David L. Mitchell [<mailto:david@bisd.us>]  
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2004 7:17 AM  
To: Maria Elena Ovalle  
Subject: Tech Plan

Maria Elena,

I received a forwarded e-mail from Robert Fisher stating Region 1 shows BISD with a 1 year tech plan. I headed the tech planning for the district last year and I printed a certificate from TEA showing we have met the SLD and NCLB requirements until June 30, 2007. Could you check and let me know?

Thanks,  
David

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(2<sup>nd</sup> email stream)

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**From:** David L. Mitchell  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 16, 2004 8:33 AM  
**To:** Robert Fisher  
**Cc:** Todd A. Nichols; Jose L. Soto  
**Subject:** FW: your eplan questions

Hey Rob,

We're back to a 1 year plan. It looks as if all I need to do is copy over the old plan and resubmit using the reviewer's comments as a guide. If we need to include any more E-rate stuff let me know. Who was the guy you said knew all about what needed to be in the plan?

David

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**From:** Marcia Proctor [mailto:mproctor@esc12.net]  
**Sent:** Mon 11/15/2004 4:02 PM  
**To:** David L. Mitchell  
**Subject:** your eplan questions

David,

You had a question about your eplan and whether it had a 1 year or 3 year approval. It has a one year approval. It always had a one year approval. There was a programming problem in that those people that had requested a 3 year plan but were only approved for one year, got a 3 year certificate. This was resolved sometime early summer. If you access your plan, you can see the reviewer comments and determine what the reviewers say that needs to be changed to qualify for a three year plan.

The new corrected certificates, should have a 2 line banner next to the TEA seal rather than the 1 line banner that your original copy had.

We apologize for this error. If you have additional questions, please contact me.

Marcia J. Proctor

State Technology Planning Coordinator

Region 12 Educational Service Center

Waco, TX

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mproctor@esc12.net  
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(3<sup>rd</sup> email stream)

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**From:** David L. Mitchell  
**Sent:** Monday, November 22, 2004 12:21 PM  
**To:** Maria Elena Ovalle  
**Subject:** RE: E-Plan

Thank you,

This helps a lot! I can breathe a little easier. I copied the plan over already so now I'll work on the individual activities timelines then get the budget info in place. I appreciate the quick response.

David

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**From:** Maria Elena Ovalle [<mailto:movalle@esconett.org>]  
**Sent:** Mon 11/22/2004 11:35 AM  
**To:** David L. Mitchell  
**Subject:** RE: E-Plan

Good morning,

Here's the timeline,

Nov 1: Yr. 8 Submit for Approval is open  
Jan 3: Update Submission opens  
Mar 31: Deadline for approval before  
          July 1, 2005  
Feb - Mar: Yr. 8 Reviewer Training  
June 30: Update Deadline

If you had a one year approval, you need to write the new plan before the Form 470. You can copy the current plan and edit that one to update. The plan does not have to be approved before the Form 470. Approval will come later, but before July 1.

The reviewers probably thought the hardware budget was not sufficient to cover what you are requesting. You need to include all funds--NCLB, the Technology allotment (Fund 411), other federal funds, local funds, and E-Rate funds.

Regarding the tighter timeline, the reviewers probably thought the timeline needed to be more specific for certain items. It is okay to indicate "ongoing" or "2004-2007" for some of the items, but not for every item. For example, if you are going to implement IP telephony in the Spring of 2005, you would need to indicate that. (Spring, 2005)

Please need me know if you need more help.

Sincerely,  
Maria Elena Ovalle  
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-----Original Message-----

From: David L. Mitchell [<mailto:david@bisd.us>]  
Sent: Monday, November 22, 2004 11:12 AM

To: Maria Elena Ovalle  
Subject: E-Plan

Good Morning Maria Elena,

I am working on *BISD's* e-plan and had a few questions. Region 12 told there was a timeline available through SEDL and I can't find it. According to the approval process it has to be submitted before form 470 is submitted? Isn't that a lot earlier than last year. Also, I'm interested in addressing the following reviewer's comments.

- \* Not enough funds to cover hardware needs
- \* Recommend to expand on Hardware budget
- \* Not enough funds on equipment budget

Does that mean we need more money or a larger percentage of the budget dedicated to hardware? Do we need to show an increase in equipment budget each year?

Also the a reviewer requested a tighter timeline and I'm not sure what that means. This is a three year plan. Are there specific objectives that need to be addressed and what would those be?

Any help would be appreciated.

Thanks,  
David

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(4<sup>th</sup> email stream)

**From:** David L. Mitchell  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 05, 2005 8:49 AM  
**To:** Robert Fisher  
**Subject:** FW: E-Plan

Hey Rob,

It looks like we will have to seek "Reapproval". So based on the email you forwarded to me from Marcia Proctor, we don't need to reply with "Update" in the subject line.

David

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**From:** Maria Elena Ovalle [<mailto:movalle@esconett.org>]  
**Sent:** Wed 1/5/2005 8:46 AM  
**To:** David L. Mitchell  
**Subject:** RE: E-Plan

Hello David,

Happy New Year to you!

If you had a one year plan, you need to resubmit. The updates are for the plans that were approved for more than one year.

Sincerely,  
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-----Original Message-----

**From:** David L. Mitchell [<mailto:david@bisd.us>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 05, 2005 8:38 AM  
**To:** Maria Elena Ovalle  
**Subject:** RE: E-Plan

Happy New Year Maria Elena,

Just a question to make sure that I have this E-plan correct before I submit. Most everything we need is all ready documented and I've made some minor changes based on reviewers comments. We have a 1 year plan but are making only minor modifications to our plan. We would like to just update not reapply. Is that the correct path for us?

I hope everything is going well there. Tell Elaine I said howdy and Happy New year also.

David

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**From:** Maria Elena Ovalle [<mailto:movalle@esconett.org>]  
**Sent:** Wed 12/15/2004 1:34 PM  
**To:** David L. Mitchell  
**Subject:** RE: E-Plan

Not if you have everything you are requested in your current approved plan or if you carefully document the intended minor changes. For significant changes, you will need to submit the plan again.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** David L. Mitchell [<mailto:david@bisd.us>]  
**Sent:** Wed 12/15/2004 1:17 PM

To: Maria Elena Ovalle  
Cc:  
Subject: RE: E-Plan

Will that effect E-rate round 8?

David

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From: Maria Elena Ovalle [<mailto:movalle@esconett.org>]  
Sent: Wed 12/15/2004 10:21 AM  
To: David L. Mitchell  
Subject: RE: E-Plan

Right now, those are the only options you have. Beginning January 3, you will be able to submit the plans that need updating only.

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-----Original Message-----

From: David L. Mitchell [<mailto:david@bisd.us>]  
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2004 10:12 AM  
To: Maria Elena Ovalle  
Subject: E-Plan

Maria Elena,

I'm a little confused over our E-Plan submission. We have a one year plan in place that was submitted via E-plan last year. However when I try go to submit our plan I only have 2 choices. They say:

**APPROVAL - FOR NEW PLANS:**

This is a new plan for my district that has not been previously approved by TEA.

(This is the first year we have used Texas e-Plan, AND this is either the first submission of this plan or this is a re-submission of the plan with modifications based on feedback from the peer review process.)

OR...

**APPROVAL - FOR SIGNIFICANTLY CHANGED PLANS:**

This is a revised plan, which has been approved by TEA, to which we have

*made significant updates and changes to NCLB or E-Rate Goals, Objectives, Budget, or Scope of work.*

If you select this option, please summarize the changes you have made to your plan, so we can quickly understand the changes and review the appropriate sections of your plan:

We are really neither. We have submitted an E-plan and we really haven't suggested any major changes. All I've addressed are the concerns of the reviewers, but it hasn't amounted to any major changes. Which do I choose?

Thank you,

David

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## Exhibit D

**From:** Robert Fisher

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 09, 2005 9:01 PM

**To:** 'Giancamillo, Jane'

**Subject:** RE: BEN 141638 E-rate Selective Review FY2005 Follow-up Questions

Submitted for your consideration.

Regards

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**From:** Giancamillo, Jane [mailto:JGIANCA@sl.universalservice.org]

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 09, 2005 2:52 PM

**To:** Robert Fisher

**Subject:** RE: BEN 141638 E-rate Selective Review FY2005 Follow-up Questions

Robert,

Regarding the Technology Plan please respond to the following.

The plan that you provided indicates that it was last edited on 4/26/2005. Did the Technology Plan that was edited on 4/26/2005 (i.e. your previous plan) cover the Funding Year 7/1/2005 to 6/30/2006? If it did please provide a copy of it and the date it was written and available.

Please indicate the date (month, day, and year) on which the approved Technology Plan you provided was written and available.

Thanks,

*Jane M. Giancamillo*

Selective Reviewer

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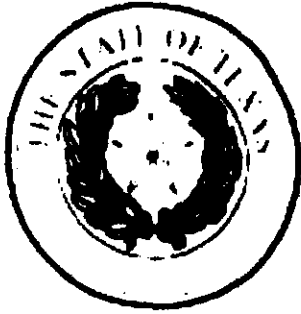
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**From:** Robert Fisher [mailto:bass@blsd.us]

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 09, 2005 2:44 PM

**To:** Giancamillo, Jane

**Subject:** RE: BEN 141638 E-rate Selective Review FY2005 Follow-up Questions



**Exhibit E**

# **Texas Education Agency**

## **2005 Technology Plan Approval Certificate**

The Texas Education Agency is certified by the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) to approve technology plans for participation in the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Program.

**BROWNSVILLE ISD (031901)**

has a technology plan that has met the SLD criteria  
and No Child Left Behind (NCLB) requirements.

This plan was approved on May 05, 2005 for a period of 3 years  
(2005 - 2008) with an expiration date of June 30, 2008.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Jackson".

**Sharon Jackson**  
**Deputy Associate Commissioner**  
**Standards and Alignment**

Hello Ms. Giancamillo, here is everything that I have related to this review. I hope this helps.

I guess you would probably start on the Word Document with the written responses.

Thanks.

And please don't hesitate to call if any of it gets confusing. I got baffled more than once.

Thanks again.

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**From:** Giancamillo, Jane [mailto:JGIANCA@sl.universalservice.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 02, 2005 9:55 AM  
**To:** Robert Fisher  
**Subject:** BEN 141638 E-rate Selective Review FY2005 Follow-up Questions

Robert,

This e-mail is a follow up to the information you provided in reference to the E-Rate Selective Review Information Request Funding Year 2005. Please provide the information requested on the attached document by the close of business 11/9/2005. If we do not receive the information by that date, your application will be reviewed based on the information we currently have, which may impact the approval of your application.

Thanks,

Jane

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